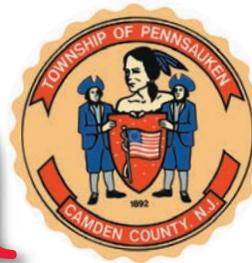


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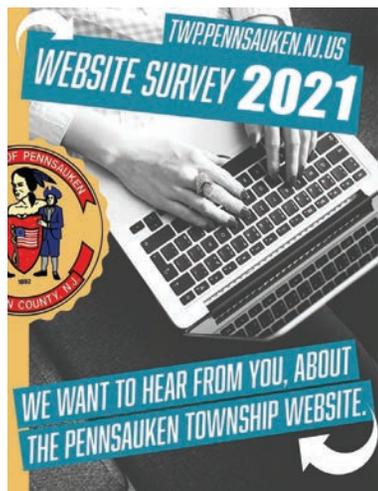
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## Township Surveying Residents On Website Redesign



By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township will be revamping its website in order to help better serve the community. To do the best job possible, they want to hear from residents.

"We've put together an online survey to poll residents about the Township's website," explained Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "This is your opportunity to tell us what you like, what you want to see changed, and what we are missing."

A link to survey can be found on the front page of Pennsauken's website: [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us). The survey contains only a handful of questions and will only take a few minutes to complete. The deadline to respond is Friday, Oct. 1.

For questions about the survey, please email [pnews@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:pnews@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

## Car And Bike Show, Harvest Festival Return To Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Two popular fall events are making their return to the Township: Pennsauken's Car and Bike Show, held on Sunday, Sept. 19, and the Pennsauken Harvest Festival, held on Saturday, Oct. 16.

"Both our Car and Bike Show and Harvest Festival are great ways for families to get outdoors and celebrate what makes our community special," said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "We're excited that we're able to hold these events again, and we invite our neighbors to join us."

### Car And Bike Show On September 19

Pennsauken's annual Car and Bike Show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hundreds of classic cars and bikes will be on display



Pennsauken's annual Car and Bike Show returns to Maple Ave. on Sunday, Sept. 19.

along part of the "Maple Mile," starting at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, the co-sponsor of the event located at 7111 Maple Ave., and extending towards Union Ave.

There will be 22 judging classes for cars,

from Stock Production to 1953 to All New Cars, 2013 to Present, as well as nine judging classes for motorcycles, from Full Dresser to Antique Bikes.

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## Special Ceremonies Commemorate Twentieth Anniversary Of 9/11 Terror Attacks

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

September 11, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. Pennsauken will commemorate this solemn occasion with two special events.

"For those who remember that day 20 years ago, they will never forget those terrible events," said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "Since then, our community has come together every September to honor those who lost their lives during the attack, as well as to recognize those courageous first responders who keep us safe on a daily basis."



An annual Pennsauken tradition, members of our community will join first responders this month in the placement of almost 3,000 flags at the Township's 9/11 Memorial.

### Pennsauken's Annual Flag Placement

Each year, almost 3,000 American flags are placed throughout Pennsauken's 9/11

Memorial, located at the corner of Merchantville Ave. and Rt. 130, across the

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## Out Of The Darkness Community Walk Held At Cooper River Park

The American Foundation for the Prevention of Suicide is hosting its Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Vista Deck at Cooper River Park. During the event, those affected by suicide – and those who support them – raise awareness and much-needed funds, strongly sending the message that suicide is preventable,



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and that no one is alone.

Held in hundreds of cities across the country, the Community Walks give people the courage to open up about their own connections to the cause, and a platform to create a culture that's smarter about mental health. Friends, family members, neighbors and cowork-

ers walk side-by-side, supporting each other and in memory of those they've lost to suicide.

Day-of registration begins at 10:00 a.m. The walk ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m. To register for the event, visit [AFSP.org/Camden](http://AFSP.org/Camden).

## Multi-Family Yard Sale Scheduled For September 11

A multi-family yard sale is being held in the Iron Rock/Burrow Woods sections on Saturday, Sept. 11, with a rain date of Saturday, Sept. 18. Held on Rudderow and Bryn Mawr avenues, the yard

sale runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No early birds please.

For more information, email [lovzayas@hotmail.com](mailto:lovzayas@hotmail.com).



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## MAYOR'S CORNER Improving One Of Pennsauken Township's Outdoor Gems

CORNER



By Marco DiBattista,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

As I've said before, Pennsauken Township has been making an ongoing commitment to enhancing our outdoor spaces. As part of this initiative, we're turning our focus to one of our unique gems, something that's extremely close to my heart: our Pennsauken Skate Park.

Located at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield and Bethel avenues, our skate park is an important place, where both kids and adults of all abilities can come together and enjoy a sport that is both a fun exercise and a great form of self-expression and individuality.

Much like with our work on Delaware

Gardens Park on 49th St. and the Pickleball Courts on River Rd., we're setting the bar high for the Pennsauken Skate Park. The Township is determined to make this a stand-out facility in South Jersey and an amazing place for Pennsauken's skateboarders to enjoy. In addition to upgrading the mini-ramp and handrails, we'll be adding pools, stairsets, blocks, and more. We'll even be installing benches and awnings so that there are places to sit down in the shade.

We're finalizing the design plans now and will continue to share updates on the exciting reimagining of this popular park.

I also would like to make sure our residents mark their calendars for the upcoming Pennsauken Car and Bike Show, held along Maple Ave. on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; as well as our Harvest Festival, held Satur-

day, Oct. 16, noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave. We are glad that we can once again offer these popular public events and come together as a community in a responsible way.

Now more than ever, it's important that we provide people with opportunities to enjoy themselves outdoors while also being safe. While things have improved, the pandemic is not over. And the impact of the Delta variant of COVID-19 is no joke. If you haven't done so, we strongly urge our residents to get vaccinated. If you haven't received the vaccine, please wear a mask and social distance when interacting with others. And we all should continue the regular washing of hands and staying home when we feel sick.

On a final note, as summer comes to

an end, I would like to wish all of Pennsauken's young people a great start to a brand-new school year. As a kid, I wasn't always the best student, but I

do appreciate all of the important life lessons I received. Work hard, pay attention, do your homework, and don't forget to have some fun along the way.

## Several Township Job Positions Available

The Township of Pennsauken has announced the following employment opportunities:

- Building and Electrical Subcode Official
- Fire Protection Subcode Official
- Housing Inspector Trainee
- Payroll Supervisor
- Municipal Clerk
- Emergency Medical Technician, Part Time
- Director of Golf
- Golf Superintendent

In addition to specific requirements of the positions, applications shall include a copy of a resume, and valid NJ Driver's License. All applications are due in a sealed envelope and delivered to the attention of Human Resources, Township of Pennsauken, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 by the deadlines specified in the online job descriptions.

Interested parties can find out each open position, as well as download an application, by visiting: [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/jobs-bids).

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**Pennsauken – Beautiful Bloomfield Split**  
Beautiful split level in bloomfield section of town. House recently updated, newer kitchen with granite counter top, newer bathrooms, new heater and water heater. There is a leased solar system transferable to the new owners. \$300,000



### Cherry Hill – Bring ALL Offers

This property is on a "no outlet" street nestled between Haddonfield Rd and Kings Highway. Home Features living room with vaulted ceilings, 2 skylights and a natural gas fireplace. Left off the foyer is the Den. The Den was originally the third bedroom with ceiling fan, a double window facing the front of the house. The built-in shelving is where the closet was. The Den can easily be converted back to the third Bedroom by reinstalling the closet door and changing the entry doorway to a standard door entry. The Dining Room has a sliding glass door. Large Sun Room with ceiling fan and lots of natural lighting and access to the rear yard. \$269,996



### Enjoy Merchantville!!

This Brick Cape Cod on Beautiful Woodlawn Ave features Spacious Living and Dining Rooms, Eat-in-Kitchen, Half Bath, Music Room, Bedroom and Laundry Room all on the Main Floor. Upstairs we have a spacious Main Bedroom with lots of Closet Space, a large additional Bedroom with walk in closet a Cedar Closet, and a Full Bath. Additionally upstairs there is a spacious Solarium! The Lower Level features a huge Game Room Area with brand new carpets, freshly painted. There is an additional Bonus Room and Work Shop area. Other amenities include newer roof and gutters (2019), gas heat and central air, new carpets. \$264,900



### Merchantville – Spectacular Victorian

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## WAGSWORLD When A Hall Of Famer Came To A Pennsauken Picnic

By Bob Wagner,  
AAP Columnist

Back in 1960, we lived on 45th St., the last house on the dead end, next to Amon Heights Elementary School. That meant there was a huge lot in my front yard, perfect for young kids to hit baseballs, ride bikes, throw rocks, and generally hang out. The street, with only four houses, was hard packed dirt, until I went into the army in 1966. Some time while I was away, the Township covered it with oil and chipped macadam.

But in 1960, on a hot summer's day, we had a weekend family weenie roast with family, friends, and a special surprise guest. Along with our extended family of 20 or so folks, Aunt Helen and Uncle Len were there. Uncle Len was mom's baby brother; and Aunt Helen, the nurse, was his young bride. Her mom, Aunt

Ethel, was there also. Ethel Githens was a nurse too, and a very attractive widow. Her husband had died not long after the war, and we only knew about him from family stories. This day became an addition to those tales.

During World War II, Harry Githens was stationed in Germany with an engineering company. His buddy and bunkmate for a time was a young kid from New York named Warren Spahn, a pitcher for the Boston Braves. They served together for a few years; and when the war was over, both Harry Githens and Aunt Ethel stood for Spahn and his young wife at their wedding. That was all we kids knew of the story. There were a few signed baseballs around to make the stories sound right, but we kids didn't much care.

Back at the picnic, a good crowd was playing throw the ball around the school yard. Aunt Shirley was pitching. Shirley

was a tomboy and threw and hit better than most of the men in the family.

Somehow, unbeknownst to us youngsters, Warren Spahn had shown up at the house. He was in for a game against Philadelphia and had some time off to visit. He was on the front porch talking to Aunt Ethel and the rest of the family, reliving some of the good old days.

After a bit of visiting, he crossed the street and joined our ragtag bunch of youngsters. Someone threw him a glove, and he tossed a few pitches to the kids. Then Aunt Shirley came up, and he lobbed her an underhanded pitch. She made a face and challenged him to throw her a real pitch. He chucked a

medium sort of pitch right down the middle. Shirley ripped it straight back at his head. Only great reflexes allowed Spahn to catch that head high ball right in front of his nose, as he let out a big old yell!

Everyone hovered around for a bit, then the game broke up. The big folks stayed on the porch for a while talking, and the kids got more hotdogs and corn. Then he was gone.

Just another summer picnic. Lots of sweaty, running kids, probably a water fight. Pop Lee went to Parks Dairy for ice cream. No one got or asked for an autograph.

Warren Spahn, Pop Githens and

Aunt Ethel's friend, went back to Philadelphia and pitched a no hitter against our Phils for the Milwaukee Braves that weekend. He played another eight years in the majors and wound up in the Hall of Fame. But he never came back for another picnic in Pennsauken.

### PENNSAUKEN SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second floor of the Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave.)

Township Committee  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 & 16

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 & 15

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### Petty's Island Cleanup Scheduled For October 9

New Jersey Audubon, in partnership with the Pennsauken Environmental Commission, is hosting a cleanup of Petty's Island on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This cleanup will focus on the shoreline, where marine debris threatens the health of both wildlife and humans.

Petty's Island is privately-owned and undergoing an amazing transformation from

an active marine terminal and oil storage facility into a state park. Access to the island is limited, so don't miss this opportunity to see the island and help in its transformation.

Registration is required to participate. Children must be 12 or older and accompanied by an adult.

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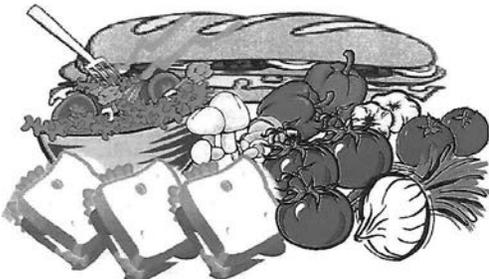
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## EDITOR'S DESK Beware Of Killer Raccoons On The Parkway

EDITOR'S  
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,  
AAP Editor

There are some things in life that are so crazy and unexpected, you can't make them up. This story is one of them.

Returning back to the land of milk and honey after a trip down the shore, our car was attacked. By a raccoon. Yep, a raccoon. Deer, we were keeping an eye out for. Killer raccoons, not so much.

We were on the Garden State Parkway, travelling at a high rate of speed. As a passenger in the car, I catch out the corner of my eye, a raccoon – a large one at that – making a straight shot at our SUV, obviously with blood lust in its eyes. I had no clue they could move that fast! It was a bang-bang play. And be-

lieve me, it was quite a bang.

The end result was that the majority of the car's inner fender on the right-hand side was sticking out of the wheel well. The molding on that part of the SUV didn't fare much better. Sadly, the raccoon, who I nicknamed "Zippy," was achieving escape velocity at that moment.

Evaluating the situation, I was convinced that I had the ability to get us back on the road safely. My loving wife, who to her credit is more mechanically inclined than I am, was... skeptical. My daughter, in an attempt to be helpful, reminded the family that this is how people go missing. She was convinced that some serial killer was in wait and would drag us all off into the woods, and we would never be seen again. It was at that moment I realized she MAY be watching too many true crime

programs on Oxygen.

Fortunately, any axe murderers ready to pounce from behind the pine trees were foiled by the state trooper who showed up to check on us. A special thank you to Trooper Stambaugh, as well as his fellow officer, whose name I sadly did not get, for helping to keep us safe as I made repairs on the side of the road,

which involved me taking all of the suitcases, beach chairs, etc. out of the back to get to the appropriate equipment, jack up the car, take the tire off, unscrew what was left of the inner fender, pop off the molding, and get the tire back on, all under the scrutinous eye of the missus, who did admit that I did a good job.

We were able to get back on the road

and arrive back to Pennsauken in one piece, albeit much later than we first anticipated. The damage to the car wound up being mostly superficial. And while our bank account is a little lighter due to the repairs, and we don't think Zippy walked this one off, the value of having a crazy story to tell for years to come is priceless.

## Pennsauken Runs On Dunkin'



With Mayor Marco DiBattista and Deputy Mayor Jessica Rafeh in attendance, the Dunkin' on Cove Rd. and Rt. 130 officially reopened last month after undergoing renovations.

## VFW Post 1270 Holds Patriot Day Event

VFW Post 1270, located at 2324 Penn St. in Pennsauken, is hosting a special event on Patriot Day, Saturday, Sept. 11.

The event is billed as a night of resilience, celebrating the unbreakable spirit of our nation on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and will include a sunset raising of the flag ceremony and a moment of silence. Afterwards, there will be a

four-hour musical performance by the MoJo Manny Band.

Seating will be available at 6:00 p.m., with the band starting at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are asked to please abide by face mask regulations, as they are changing rapidly.

Tickets are \$25 per person and seating is limited. To order, call (856) 317-9081.

## Gates Community Gathering Day Held On September 25

Gates of Praise Church of God, located at 6435 Wisteria Ave. in Pennsauken, is hosting a community gathering day on Saturday, Sept. 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This free event features hot dogs, burgers, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and free back to school materials. The first 20 children will also receive haircuts and hair braids

Gates of Praise is also collecting brand new sneakers for both boys and girls for school. They are accepting sneaker donations through Friday, Sept. 17.

For more information, or to learn how to donate a new pair of children's sneakers, contact Lady Mundell at ladymundell@gmail.com or (856) 979-1245



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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

Writing about recent retirements in my department has occurred a half dozen times in my short tenure. It would be easy to simply type the number of years somebody worked somewhere, glossing over a career and not the effect of the work.

Take W. Scott Moses for example. Scott retired in late July after 29 years of service to the Township of Pennsauken. He began his employment on September 28, 1992, spending most of his time working out of the Police Station as the traffic maintenance worker before the Department of Public Works took this function over in March 2020. What a time to change departments! Scott was a one-man crew, performing a multitude of odd jobs over the years, but was mainly responsible for replacing and updating various traffic signs and street name signs around Pennsauken.

When I first met with Scott, I learned that one of the goals that he recently accomplished was the replacement of all "stop" signs in Pennsauken with the newer, more reflective materials. The sheer quantity of these signs boggles my mind! Together, we've updated some equipment to improve how we perform tasks, such as painting crosswalks and re-

## Retirements, Trash Contract Bid Mark The Start Of Fall

striping municipal parking lots. He was a pleasure to work with, although we wish that he arrived sooner!

A longtime Public Works employee, Everett Hall, retired in late August after more than 34.5 years of service to the Township of Pennsauken. He was hired as a laborer-heavy and finished his employment in the same capacity. Everett's relaxed personality was easy to work with and was one of those guys that made working enjoyable while getting the job done. Everett spent most of his years on the Parks Crew, cutting and maintaining various athletic and recreational sites throughout our town.

In celebration of National Public Works Week, we would hold an annual barbeque for lunch to share some camaradery and reflect on this department's impact on Pennsauken's residents, businesses, and visitors. Everett served as our grill master for this annual event, utilizing his culinary talents. A condition of his retirement is that he will return annually to perform this role! An all-around good guy that we will miss.

We offer our most sincere gratitude to both these public servants for their impact on Pennsauken Township and wish them long, healthy and fulfilling retirements.

### Bid Process Open For New Trash And Recycling Collection Service

In early August, Township Committee decided to let the current three-year solid waste and recyclables collection contract expire on December 31, 2021, and not renew South Jersey Sanitation/Seaside Waste for the 2022 and 2023 option years. The Township has spent a sincere amount of time revamping the bid specifications in anticipation of this and formally advertised a notice of bid on Aug. 13 in the two legal newspapers.

Between then and mid-October, the Township will receive bids for trash/recycling collection for the next three to five years. When the bids are opened at the scheduled "bid opening" on Oct. 13, all properly submitted bids will be compared in search of the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, per New Jersey state law.

We have included in this specification an option to transition our collection method from the manual throwing of cans/bags to automated/semi-automated collection, where all residents would receive a 96-gallon "cart" for trash and for recycling. With the manpower shortages experienced by trash collection companies affecting many municipalities this year, the ability to have one driver operate an "arm" to collect these carts would

remove the need for two employee "throwers" on the back. You may recall earlier articles this year describing Department of Public Works employees working on the back of South Jersey Sanitation trucks.

Due to the age and design of the older sections of Pennsauken, some areas prohibit the automated truck's "arm" to deploy and grab the can, such as an alleyway or a road with heavy street parking. This is where "semi-automatic" service would be used that still requires a worker (or two) on the back of a truck but would allow all residents to have the same trash/recycling containers for a clean, uniformed look. In these instances, trucks would be outfitted with "cart flippers" that do the heavy lifting, sparing the employees on the back of the trucks the task of physically lifting each can/bag into

the truck. If you are curious about this collection method, visit YouTube and search for "automated trash collection." You will likely find a video of one of these trucks in action.

Cost, of course, will determine how the Township proceeds once all bids are evaluated. The actual contract award will occur after the bid opening by resolution at a Township Committee meeting. Before that happens, this evaluation will look into each bidder's submitted proposal, which includes their other current contracts, number of vehicles, and other metrics that we will use to determine if a particular bidder is capable of servicing Pennsauken properly.

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Camden County is hosting a hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 N. River Rd. For more information, visit [www.camdencounty.com/event/household-hazardous-waste-event-6/](http://www.camdencounty.com/event/household-hazardous-waste-event-6/) or call (856) 858-5241.



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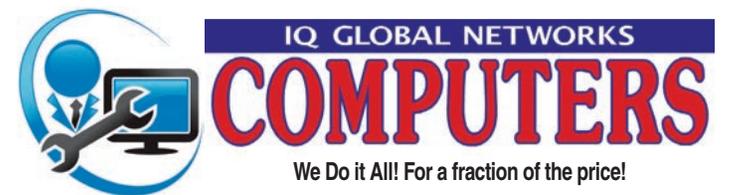
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## Virtual Public Information Center Held For Multi-Use Trail Project

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, residents were invited to participate in a virtual public information center about the proposed Penn-

sauken-Merchantville Multi-Use Trail Project. The online presentation was designed to inform various stakeholders about the proposed plan of the project.

Dave Verdia, design engineer for McCormick Taylor, the design consultant selected by Pennsauken through the design assistance program with New Jersey Department of Transportation, explained that the multi-use trail was being undertaken through a transportation alternatives program (TAP) grant to extend the Merchantville trail into the Township.

"The grant was to extend the trail 0.3 miles east of Cove Rd., basically to the NJ Transit bridge," said Verdia. "The goals of this project are to promote and increase the use of non-motorized transportation; create a safe walking/bicycling environment; and repurpose vacant railroad property for recreation."

Included in the project is a 12-foot-wide paved multi-use path to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians; rectangular rapid flashing beacons, also known as "pedestrian flashers;" as well as push buttons; ADA curb ramps, crosswalks, and



A project that will extend the Merchantville trail into Pennsauken will begin work in the Summer of 2022.

pavement markings along Cove Rd.; decorative pedestrian-oriented lighting; and stormwater infiltration swales, long, gently sloping, landscaped depressions that collect and cleans stormwater. In addition, there will be a variety of linear park amenities, such as a sidewalk connection to Norwood Ave., shade trees and landscaping, rest areas with decorative benches, recycling and trash receptacles, pet waste stations, three-rail white vinyl fencing along the trail, and chain-link fencing along commercial properties.

Construction is estimated to take four to six months, dependent upon weather and site conditions. As the final design phase of the project is currently being completed, the work on the trail would begin in Summer of 2022.

A video recap of the presentation is available on Pennsauken Television's YouTube channel and on the Township's website: [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us). To learn more about the project, or for questions or concerns, please contact Vittorio M. Anepete, project manager for McCormick Taylor, Inc., at (856) 793-0800.

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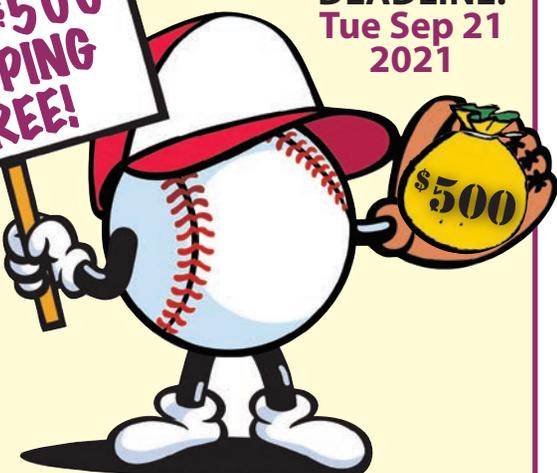
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## Pennsauken Lions Giving Back To The Community

Now in our 78th year of service, the Pennsauken Lions Club continues to dedicate itself by supporting many individuals and organizations in helping to shape the lives of so many families and causes in our community.

Through our ongoing efforts, we continue to support programs related to:

**Vision** – Preventing avoidable blindness in millions of people through our Sight First Program.

**Youth** – Creating social and emotional learning programs for students through specially trained educators through the Lions Quest program, our continued support for the Lions' Leo program at Pennsauken High School and recognizing student accomplishments at the

Howard M. Phifer Middle School.

**Disaster Relief** – Providing immediate and long-term needs after natural disasters.

**Humanitarian Programs** – Helping millions of people, of all ages and abilities.

In June, the Pennsauken Lions Club supported three Leo students at Pennsauken High School, with scholarships to Johnathan Lamothe and Athan Papaioannou, and the Lois V. Rossi Memorial award to Aniya Lynch. In addition, Maica Nesmith, a student at the Howard M. Phifer was presented with our citizenship award. The Lions would like to thank all the students for their academic accomplishments during this past year.

On Saturday, July 3 and Aug. 7, the Pennsauken Lions conducted their third and fourth community activity at the Circle of Hope Church by packaging

food boxes to help 59 food insecure and needy families of the community. This has represented about 40 percent of the volunteer team and consistent support from the Pennsauken Lions as 33 to 50 percent of the serving team.

As a Lion, you not only become just a member, but part of a network of organizations, businesses and community volunteers committed to making a difference for the betterment of our com-

munity.

The Pennsauken Lions continues to work and make this difference every day for our community. If you would like more information about the Lions, our meetings, to receive a link to join one of our meetings, learn how you can become a member, or donate to our vision efforts, contact us at Facebook.com/pennsaukenlions or directly via email at PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com.



Pennsauken Historical Society sadly notes the passing of volunteer Adele Haines, age 103. Adele was a mainstay at Burrough-Dover House, which reopens for free tours on Sept. 19.

## Burrough-Dover House Open For Tours On September 19

History resumes its course on Sunday, Sept. 19, when Burrough-Dover House will be open with free tours of the house and museum, along with the beautiful grounds and nature trail of this colonial treasure operated by Pennsauken Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Docents attired in colonial garb will tell the story of this English Quaker farm among the first local settlements of the area, as well as the later history of the families of the old house and its role in telling the story of the municipality.

The safety of our visitors, volunteers and community is always our top prior-

ity at the Historical Society; conditions prevailing at the time will decide what is required. Visitors should assume that masking and social distancing will be in effect, especially for tours going inside the old farmhouse.

Also, mark your calendars for Camden County History Month, organized through the Camden County History Alliance. Free tours at both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 3, and a special event is planned for Saturday, Oct. 23 with living history. Other events will be featured at member sites throughout Camden County. Watch for

further details to come or visit our Facebook pages and group.

Admission and tours of the historic homes on Sunday, Sept. 19 is free at Burrough-Dover House from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There is also plenty of free parking.

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane off Haddonfield Rd. opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more details or directions.

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## Elementary School Summer Program A Success

Select kindergarten through third grade students within Pennsauken School District were able to participate in a summer program to help practice and work on already learned skills from this past school year. The program was housed at George B. Fine School and students came from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

To help bridge any gaps in learning from the very unusual 2020-2021 school year, the program ran five days a week and ended a week later than normal. Students worked on literacy skills, math

skills, science skills, and had some fun with enrichment activities.

Each morning, students came to the cafeteria, were greeted by administrators, provided breakfast, and safely socialized before the day began at 9:00 a.m. Teachers and administrators also sponsored a midsummer play day with some outdoor activities as well.

Overall, the 2021 summer program helped students bridge their learning into the next school year while reinforcing positive social skills.



Students enjoy a mid-summer play day during the Pennsauken School District's summer program.

## September Calendar

- Sept. 8 First Day for Students
- Sept. 13 Back to School Night (Elementary) 6:30 p.m.\*
- Sept. 14 Back to School Night (Intermediate) 6:30 p.m.\*
- Sept. 14 BOE Meeting (Room 327 at PHS) 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 CLOSED for Yom Kippur
- Sept. 21 Back to School Night (Phifer) 6:30 p.m.\*
- Sept. 22 Back to School Night (PHS) 7:00 p.m.\*

\*Back to School Nights will be held both in person and virtually.

## Kona Ice At Carson



In June, both remote and hybrid students at Carson enjoyed some Kona Ice during the last week of the 2020-2021 school year! It was wonderful for students, parents, and teachers to gather together and celebrate!

## A New Year Of Learning At Franklin

By Susan Galloza, Principal,  
Franklin Elementary

Ben Franklin Elementary School's staff is thrilled to welcome all students attending Franklin this school year.

Our Franklin Family has demonstrated our resilience last year and I could not be prouder of students, parents, and staff with how everyone had persevered and kept moving forward. We look forward to having everyone back in school and embracing this new year.

Curiosity, persistence, and love of

learning are three traits we want to cultivate in all of our students. At Franklin, we want healthy children both physically and emotionally.

As staff members at Franklin, we will work hard to plan and implement engaging learning opportunities. We will strive to keep our students safe by following any and all safety protocols necessary.

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year on Sept. 8. Enjoy the rest of your summer and come ready to learn!



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,  
MEd<sup>2</sup>, M.S., M.B.S., M.A.<sup>2</sup>,  
Ed.D., Ph.D., Superintendent,  
Pennsauken Public Schools

## Ready To Begin The 2021-2022 School Year

We are days away from the start of a brand-new school year on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Our staff is very much looking forward to seeing all of our students' bright and smiling faces; we have a lot planned for what should be a fun and exception school year.

I would like to reiterate to our parents and guardians that we are taking every

step to make certain the start of the school year is safe, while ensuring that students have every academic and extra-curricular opportunity.

We are opening on a full day, regular, five-day schedule for all of our schools. We will work to ensure all sports, extra-curricular activities, and daily educational procedures are continued with a sense of normalcy for all of our students despite the rising COVID-19 numbers.

Please help me to congratulate two of our educators, Matt Feinstein and Susan

Fuir, who are the District's Mr. and Mrs. Pennsauken for 2021. For years, Matt has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, doing a variety of special projects for the District, in addition to teaching animation and graphic design to students at our high school. And as our school health chair Susan has been instrumental in helping our District get through the pandemic and continues to provide essential guidance as we prepare for another school year dealing with COVID-19. We thank them both for their continued dedication and support to the Pennsauken School District.

Also, prior to the school year, we presented a Lifetime Educator Award in the memory of Chad Pierce to his mother, Karen, and wife, Sheri. Chad, who passed away in October of last year, was a dedicated teacher and coach for our District and will always be remembered for his enthusiasm, smile, and laugh. His attitude made a positive impact on the students he taught and the athletes he coached. We thank Chad's family for sharing him with us for over 20 years.

In closing, as we begin the 2021-2022 school year, I encourage all of our school families to be fully engaged in their children's education. Working together, we can create unique and lasting learning experiences for our students.

See you all on Sept. 8!



Dr. T congratulates Matt Feinstein and Susan Fuir, who were recognized as Mr. and Mrs. Pennsauken for 2021.

## Chad Pierce Honored With Lifetime Educator Award



Dr. T presents the Lifetime Educator Award in the memory of Chad Pierce to his mother, Karen, and wife, Sheri. Pierce, who passed away in October 2020, was a dedicated teacher and coach for our District.

## Welcome To All Of Our Preschool Students

By Dana Gery, Principal,  
Baldwin Early Childhood Learning  
Center, Burling Elementary Preschool

I would like to welcome all of our Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center and Burling Elementary Preschool families to the 2021-2022 school year and a brand-new educational journey for your child! The teachers and staff are eager to work with you and your child to make this the most successful school year ever!

As your principal, I am thrilled to wel-

come you and looking forward to meeting all of you. I grew up in Pennsauken and am a proud graduate of Pennsauken High School. I am going into my 18th school year in Pennsauken School District. I began my career in Pennsauken as an elementary teacher. I then moved to Howard M. Phifer Middle School, where I was the eighth grade principal and before beginning at Baldwin, I was the assistant principal at Longfellow Elementary School. I am very excited to work together to make this a fabulous new school year!

The first day of school is Wednesday, Sept. 8. This is a full day for students. Dismissal is 3:20 p.m.

Please be sure to check your child's backpack as well as the Pennsauken Public Schools website, [www.pennsauken.net](http://www.pennsauken.net), for notices and updates throughout the school year.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to meeting all of you and having a very successful school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at (856) 662-8464.

## PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of "All Around Pennsauken" please contact:

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By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; JoAnn Young, Vice President; Lisa Eckel; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Diane Johnson; Samer John Jarbouh-Rafeh; Scott La Vine; and Orlando Viera

The Pennsauken Board of Education has had the distinct pleasure of getting to know Mr. Arthur "Sonny" Wimberly, a Township resident and Vietnam veteran, first during a military appreciation event at his home within walking distance of

## Local Veteran Provides A Great Example For Our Students

Delair Elementary held by the Philadelphia Phillies organization in May, and again during a recent Board meeting. Sonny's service to country and community is a wonderful example to both our town and our students here in Pennsauken.

Mr. Wimberly, a retired first sergeant in the United States Army, as well as both a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, has lived in Pennsauken for over four decades. Wheelchair bound due to multiple sclerosis, Sonny is an avid para-athlete, competing in softball, bowling, weightlifting, bocci ball, hand cycling, and trap shooting, just to name a few. He and his service dog, Juno, work to raise funds for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, the world's

largest annual wheelchair sports event solely for military veterans.

Pennsauken High School has an extremely strong Air Force JROTC program, which is designed to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, as well as instill personal responsibility, character, and self-discipline. The Pennsauken Board of Education has invited Mr. Wimberly to speak with our cadets, to share experiences from his military service, his successes in the



Pennsauken Board of Education members Diane Johnson and Nick Perry helped honor Pennsauken resident and Vietnam Veteran Arthur "Sonny" Wimberly during a special event hosted by the Philadelphia Phillies in May.

construction trades, and the value of giving back to others. Our JROTC instruc-

tors, Colonel Richard Simmons and Master Sergeant Franciso Beltran-Bell, continually stress to our cadets the importance of service to the community in which they call home. One such example is that our Air Force JROTC will be participating in Pennsauken's upcoming Day of Remembrance for the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

As the Pennsauken School District begins a new and unprecedented school year, we would do well to take a few notes from Mr. Wimberly: to not be defined by our challenges and setbacks; to always persevere; and to lift up our families, our friends, and our neighbors, so that we can all be stronger and reach new heights together.

## Welcome To George B. Fine Elementary

By Thomas Honeyman, Principal, Fine Elementary

I hope your family is enjoying the remaining days of summer. Our summer days have been more like normal this year thanks to high vaccination numbers in our community. Welcome to George B. Fine Elementary School, whether you are returning or new to the Pennsauken School District. We have a special learning community where student safety and

emotional well-being are just as important as academic success.

While I know many of you are eager to send your child back to traditional learning, I want everyone to know that all of our Pennsauken schools are continuing to put the health of your child first. In addition, our technological improvements during the pandemic have been a silver lining during this difficult time, and these advancements will con-

tinue to help your child grow academically. Your strong partnership during remote/hybrid learning helped us maximize such an atypical school year. Once again, on behalf of all educators, thank you for your assistance in student learning.

We will be starting the 2021-2022 year with ALL students returning to their respective buildings. Thank you in advance for your patience as we adjust to any new

challenges. Your children, our students, are worth all the effort.

In preparing for school, please review the following information regarding the opening of school. It is important that your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn each day. PLEASE ensure their arrival by 8:50 a.m. This is the first step to academic success.

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, Sept. 8 and it will be a full

day of learning.

Back to School Night will be both in person and virtual this year on Sept. 13.

Suggested school items and uniform information can also be found at [Fine.Pennsauken.net](http://Fine.Pennsauken.net)

I look forward to continuing to work and lead the educational community of Fine. See you on Sept. 8!

## Welcoming Delair Students Back To School

By Rosalyn Lawrence, Principal, Delair Elementary

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Delair School for the 2021-2022 school year! As we begin a new year with new students and returning families, it is an exciting time! We are preparing to make learning rigorous, engaging and FUN, while keeping the momentum going for our students. While there are challenges to overcome with COVID-19, we are ready and willing to meet them face-to-

face to engage students and families consistently and effectively! Welcome to the Dynamic Delair Team!

I hope that the summer months were fun, relaxing, and filled with many learning experiences. I look forward to this school year becoming an extension of that summer fun through some exciting and new challenges as we embark upon another wonderful school year.

Students of Delair Elementary School are expected to take advantage of every

learning opportunity available; perform their best on all academic tasks; respect themselves and others; contribute to the development of a positive learning environment; and develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills.

The staff at Delair are here to assist students in meeting these expectations. A positive and safe atmosphere has been cultivated into an environment that places a heavy emphasis on the value of learning. Learning experiences and ac-

tivities will be meaningful and challenging to all students. In addition, classroom activities will be focused on student involvement and a hands-on approach to learning.

Parents at Delair School are encouraged to instill the value and importance of your child's education through your communication, involvement, and participation in your schools' activities; participate in conferences to discuss your child's educational progress; and develop

relationships with teachers who care deeply about your child.

As your principal, I am excited about the plans for the upcoming school year, working with all the students and their families as we strive to make the school year a successful experience for everyone.

I look forward to meeting and greeting everyone on Sept. 8!

## Ice Cream Caps Off Weeks Of Summer Learning

On Aug. 13, Pennsauken's elementary school summer program celebrated a successful seven weeks of summer remediation for select students in need of extra practice. As a reward, students were treated to a cool treat of their choice from the Mister Softee truck!



The program began on June 28 and ran Monday through Friday. Students benefited from in person

language arts, math, and science instruction, as well as enrichment activities. Teachers were creative with units and

lessons that combined several subjects in order to reinforce needed skills for the next school year.

## Back To School Info For Pennsauken Intermediate School

By Tanya Harmon, Principal, Pennsauken Intermediate School

The teachers and the staff here at the Pennsauken Intermediate School are excited to welcome our families for the 2021-2022 school year. This school year will be filled with new learning adventures and explorations! We can't wait to see you!

Please find a summary of information that will help you plan for the upcoming school year:

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, Sept. 8. School begins daily at 8:05 a.m. for all students.

A bus, if assigned, will pick up your child at their designated bus stop. Bus informa-

tion will be mailed to you from the Pennsauken Department of Transportation. If you have questions, please contact the Transportation Dept. at (856) 662-8502.

Information regarding lunch applications forms to determine your child's lunch status for the 2021-2022 school year will be mailed home from the Pennsauken Food Services. If you have any questions about your child's meal status (free, reduced, or paid lunch), please contact Food Services at (856) 662-8500.

There is a district wide uniform policy for all Pennsauken school students. Students are required to wear dark blue/navy collared polo shirts, dark blue

or khaki slacks, shorts, skorts/skirts. Sweatpants, yoga pants, jeans, tights/jeggings, and hoodies are not permitted. For safety reasons, we strongly discourage the wearing of flip-flops, high heels, etc.

Cell phone usage, fanny packs, and purses are not permitted during the school day.

Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Phifer Middle School and conclude with a tour of the Intermediate School.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Sept. 8.

## Welcome Back To Carson Elementary

By Diane Joyce, Principal,  
Carson Elementary

Whether you are returning to Carson,  
or you are new to our school community,

we welcome everyone to a new school year! Please remember that it is important that your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn every day; this will help to ensure his or her academic success.

More information about our school can be found on our district website: Carson.Pennsauken.net. You can also access our pages via the district's website: Pennsauken.net.

Sept. 8 is our first day of school. It is a full day.

Lunch will be served beginning on the first day of school. For more information, please refer to Food Service info on our District website: Pennsauken.net. Our breakfast program begins on Sept. 13.

Our Back to School Night will be held

on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m.; our virtual PTA meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6:00 p.m. More information on these events will be shared to families soon.

Your child will be bringing home a red folder after their first day of school. This folder will contain important information. Please take the time to review these materials, as well as complete and return any necessary forms.

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dents and leading the educational community of Carson School!



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## Governor Murphy Visits Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In August, First Spanish Baptist Church had a special guest for morning services: New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

"It is an honor to be in this First Spanish Baptist Church," said Murphy during brief remarks to the congregation. "I'm

particularly honored to be here for Pastor [Neredia] Ortiz's first anniversary."

The governor took an opportunity to recognize other dignitaries in attendance: Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista and Assemblyman Bill Spearman from the 5th Legislative District.

"Mayor, it's great to be with you. Thank you for everything you do leading this wonderful and extraordinary community," said Governor Murphy. "I'm also joined by a very dear friend, a member of the General Assembly. He is an outstanding leader, as is the mayor."

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New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy greets Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista outside First Spanish Baptist Church on Aug. 2.

Governor Murphy spoke to the congregation about the pandemic, and how COVID-19 has impacted the Pennsauken community.

"This church family and this community in Pennsauken has been hit hard. You have been hit from the beginning. I want to make sure you know that our thoughts and prayers and our work in government is standing alongside of you. We are your partner in faith and in public health," said Murphy. "Either any of you, any friend, family, neighbor, coworker, is not yet vaccinated, please get vaccinated. This is right now a pandemic of the unvaccinated."

The governor highlighted some accomplishments that were particularly impactful to the Latino community in New Jersey, such as access to a driver's

license for everyone, as well as raising the minimum wage to \$15.

"With the help of the legislature and great local leadership, we have accomplished a lot together over the last three and a half years," said Murphy. "But there's still more work to do. We have to finish the fight against COVID, make sure our economy recovers and importantly that we don't just recover back to where we were. My job is to take this state to a place that we have never been to before."

"Thank you to Governor Murphy for visiting Pennsauken. It was nice to have your support for our community and the First Spanish Baptist Church," said Mayor Marco DiBattista. "Thank you to Assemblyman Spearman for supporting us as well. It was special day for our Township."

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## PHS Alumni Luncheon Held On September 15

The monthly Pennsauken High School Alumni Luncheon returns on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1:00 p.m., at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The luncheon will be outside on the patio.

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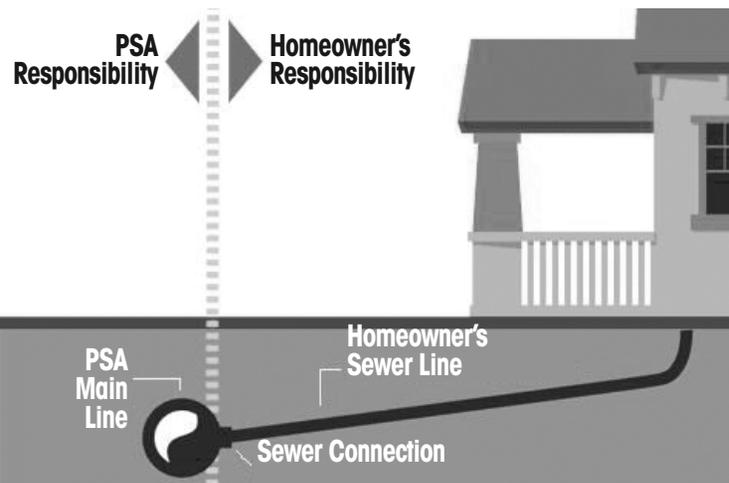
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The rules and regulations of the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority require a

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The discharge of water collected in a sump pit to the sanitary sewage collection system is prohibited.

Cooking grease poured down the drain can cause a blockage of the lateral line. Please dispose of grease properly.



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Please do not flush baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about

what they are flushing down their toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and supposedly "flushable" wipes should not be flushed down the toilet.

We are seeing an increase in volume,

which is to be expected given the number of people staying in their homes as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority

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## Warner Exteriors Expanding In Pennsauken



Chris Kelly and Shaun Warner have moved their Pennsauken-based company, Warner Exteriors, to a larger facility on Cove Rd.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Four years ago, Shaun Warner moved his roofing company out of his home in Merchantville to Haddonfield Rd. in Pennsauken to better accommodate the growth of his business. In 2021, the continued growth of the rebranded Warner Exteriors, along with expanded services and additional staff, necessitated another move, this time to 4312 Cove Rd.

“We would have stayed on Haddonfield Rd. if we had the space, but we’ve just kept growing. In 2019, we did around 120 roof jobs, 2020 was over double that and we’re on pace to do even more this year,” explained Warner, co-owner Chris Kelly. “A lot of people have wanted to get projects done that they were putting off. Now they’re spending more time at home and really doing the whole exterior.”

“We love doing business in Pennsauken and we knew we would be shopping in this area,” added Chris Kelly, co-owner. “With the volume of work, we’ve doubled in size over the last two years.”

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“It’s the workmanship and the quality we’re able to give the homeowner that I think sets us apart,” said Warner. “We enjoy making the house look more beautiful.”

“We really focus on customer service,” added Kelly. “From the first phone call to our final interaction, we want people to get excited about improving their homes and be more than satisfied with our work.”

Warner Exteriors does work in a variety of different towns, but certainly enjoys doing projects in Pennsauken.

“Pennsauken is a hard-working, blue-collar town. People want a nice job at the

right price,” said Warner. “It’s been a good relationship for us.”

“We enjoy getting out meeting these folks and doing work for them,” added

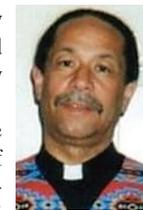
Kelly. “Fostering relationships not only helps us grow the business, it helps our neighbors in Pennsauken.”

For more information, visit [WarnerExteriors.com](http://WarnerExteriors.com).

## Remembering Morrisville’s Roy E. Bundy

Rev. Roy E. Bundy of Pennsauken, passed away peacefully on July 28 at the age of 69.

Rev. Bundy was the beloved husband of Cynthia Samuels-Bundy; dear brother of Ivanette Peterson (the late Robert, Sr.), the late Marian Wright (the late Harry), and the late Patricia Wright (Robert, Sr.); brother-in-law to Marcia Samuels and Cathy Samuels. He is also survived by many loving nieces,



Rev. Bundy

nephews, extended family members, church family members, and a host of brothers and sisters in Christ and others whose lives he has touched.

Viewing and visitation were held at the Falco/Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home, with an outdoor funeral service on Pleasant Ave. Interment followed at Lakeview Memorial Park in Cinnaminson.

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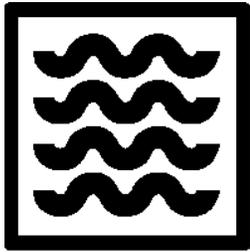
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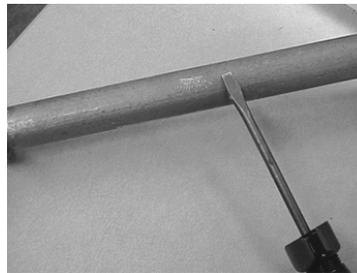
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Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are held in person on the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

The location is the G. Burton German meeting room at the MPWC's Administrative Headquarters, 6751 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit our website, [MPWC.com](http://MPWC.com)

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## *In the* **GARDEN** Gardening As Summer Transitions To Fall

By Victoria Rose, AAP Columnist

Welcome back! As much as I love to see the beautiful summer flowers in the garden, all good things must come to an end. This summer seemed to go by way too fast. It is hard to believe that soon it will be fall with its much cooler weather.

The month of September does have many changes in temperature. It could be cooler then get hot again with one last heat wave before we enter a crisp fall. Now some plants enjoy the cooler temperatures and will continue to bloom for the whole month. I have found in my Pennsauken home geraniums and marigolds do well. As your annual plants

die, you can pull them out of the ground and replant winter pansies (*viola hiemalis*) or chrysanthemums, mums for short. Both pansies and mums should not be planted until late September or early October. If you plant the mums too early, they will not be blooming for all of fall. I purchase them when they still have tight buds; that way you get most of the blooming cycle. Mums come in a variety of beautiful fall colors, such as yellow, orange, purple, white, and maroon. You could even add some hay bales, pumpkins, gourds, and corn stalks to your garden display. Pinch the mums back when they're done flowering and they can be relocated in the spring. Do this later in

May when there isn't a risk of more frost.

Winter pansies will tolerate the cold weather and stay blooming all fall, winter, and spring. They are my personal favorite since I love to see the flowers all year round. Pansies come in shades of yellow, white, purple, and pink. They can be dead headed to produce more flowers and tolerate frost temperatures.

Fall is also a good time to plant shrubs and split established perennials. Be sure to water them once they are planted. Even though the temperature is cooler, water is necessary to keep them alive and growing. Also, you can plant spring bulbs for a pleasant surprise in the garden when the warmer weather returns next year.

Soon you will be enjoying some pumpkin spice treats as you sit outside enjoying the cooler nights, but for now, I am holding on to the last days of summer sipping my tea and watching the lighting bugs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my column. Until next time, be kind, be beautiful, and be happy!

## Toy And Collectible Street Fair Held On September 18

Play With This Toys & Collectibles is presenting its annual Toy and Collectible Street Fair on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Held along West Park Ave. in Merchantville, the event

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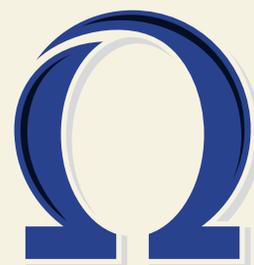
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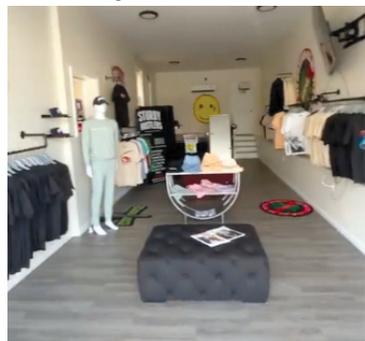
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## Sturdy Hustlers Clothing Store Opens In Pennsauken



Sturdy Hustlers Clothing Store has opened its doors at the corner of 41st St. and Westfield Ave.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Young men who are having some success online have opened a brick-and-mortar location to grow their businesses.

Sturdy Hustlers, located at the corner of 41st St. and Westfield Ave., is the combination of two brands: Sturdy Shooters, a video production company and graphic design business that also includes a clothing line; and All Hustle No Luck, which produces graphic tees, hats, and other types of streetwear fashion.

"I was doing everything on Insta-

gram. Having a store front was more convenient than running around South Jersey," explained Kalief Henry, owner of All Hustle No Luck, whose business came to life after he began to make custom clothing for himself. "People can come in and get what they need."

Davante Scott originally went to school for nursing but started producing videos for YouTube and found a brand-new passion.

"Doing videos is easy for me," said Scott. "It just came natural."

Scott's main client is Henry's cousin, Rodney Merrill, whose rap moniker is unfortunately a little inappropriate for print in this publication.

"I'm realistic and raw as an artist," said Merrill. "I don't consider myself one genre or just one sound."

As their motto is "sturdy things happen to those who hustle," their hopes are to create enough buzz to attract local rap artists and fans of streetwear apparel to both their Instagram account and their store.

"We make it happen together," said Henry. "This store is good for those who didn't know about us."

Sturdy Hustlers Clothing Store is located at 4102 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. Store hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, noon to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Their Instagram account is @SturdyHustlers.

*Thank you to Rosemarie O'Connor for sharing information about this new business.*

## Lacas Coffee Company Celebrates Centennial, Releases Commemorative Tin Benefiting Philabundance

Lacas Coffee Company is celebrating 100 years of business in the Philadelphia Metro area this year, 2021. To help mark the occasion, the company has introduced a limited-edition Centennial Commemorative Coffee Tin. Each tin is filled with a 12-ounce bag of "Centennial Blend," a celebratory name for the company's flagship Original City Roast blend of Arabica coffees – sourced, blended, roasted, and sold by the company since its inception in 1921.



A portion of the proceeds from sales of Lacas Coffee's limited edition commemorative tin benefits Philabundance. Photo credit: Lacas Coffee.

Seeking to give back to the community that has supported its business for 100 years, Lacas Coffee Company will donate a portion of the proceeds from tin sales to Philabundance, a nonprofit organization fighting hunger across Greater Philadelphia. Through a network of 350 partner agencies, Philabundance distributed over 50 million pounds of food to those in need from October 2019 through September 2020. Since the pandemic hit the Greater Philadelphia region, food insecurity has increased by up to 60 percent, with 40 percent of

those seeking assistance doing so for the first time. Lacas Coffee is supporting the greater community in addressing this need.

Centennial Commemorative Coffee Tins will be available for purchase online at lacascoffee.com, the Pennsauken roastery, located at 7950 National Highway, and at participating foodservice and retail locations.

## Creating The Next Generation Of Roofing Professionals

Last month, GAF, North America's largest roofing and waterproofing manufacturer, partnered with Solar Landscape, a company committed to bringing clean, affordable solar power to New Jersey, to host a five-day education and training program for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the roofing industry. Held at World Harvest Christian Center in Pennsauken, the program, run through the GAF Roofing Academy, trained students in both residential and solar roofing installation.

The commercial and residential roofing sector is rapidly growing with 19,000 new jobs needed by 2028, according to

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, solar energy will play a critical role in New Jersey achieving its goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2050 and the roofing and solar energy industries require a well-trained workforce to meet the growing employment need. The program is designed to build the necessary skills for an entry-level position in the roofing industry through classroom and on-the-job training with access to employment opportunities through GAF's national network of thousands of independent, certified contractors seeking talent.



GAF and Solar Landscape held an educational and training program in Pennsauken for individuals interested in a career in the roofing industry.

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## Car And Bike Show, Harvest Festival Return To Pennsauken

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As attendees stroll the show, viewing the many cars and bikes on display, they can also enjoy a variety of other activities. Food trucks will be on hand offering a variety of fare available for purchase. The Kids Zone will also be returning to the Car and Bike Show, with inflatables and balloon twisting for younger attendees. DJs will be playing classics and popular music throughout the event.

Each year, every effort is made to reduce the impact on the neighborhoods along Maple Ave. and adjoining streets. Residents will have access to major thoroughways and can get in and out of the area during the event.

“Whether you’re a car or motorcycle enthusiast or looking for a fun time out with your family, Pennsauken’s Car and Bike Show is a great opportunity to enjoy a great activity,” explains Elwood Martz, director of municipal services and head of the town’s Department of Parks and Recreation. “We’re thrilled to be able to welcome back our longtime participants and hope to see a lot of new faces as well.”

The form to register a vehicle for this year’s show can be downloaded from the Township’s website at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-car-and-bike-show](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-car-and-bike-show). Pre-registration fees are \$12 for cars and \$7 for bikes; forms with

the entry fee must be mailed to the Pennsauken Township Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110, c/o Elwood “Duke” Martz by Tuesday, Sept. 14. Registration on the day of the show is held from 10:00 a.m. to noon; at that time, fees are \$15 for cars \$8 for bikes.

In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the Car, Bike and Craft Show is Sunday, Sept. 26.

For questions or more information, email Elwood “Duke” Martz at [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

**Harvest Festival On October 16**  
Pennsauken Township, in association

with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the seventh annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 16 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 17). This annual event, held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., brings the Township community together with a family-friendly atmosphere.

“We’re working on making the comeback of Pennsauken’s Harvest Festival the best one yet,” explains Mayor DiBattista. “We’ll have more to share in the coming weeks. Residents will definitely

not want to miss this event.”

Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community, the Pennsauken Fire Department will hold several demonstrations, including rappelling and a car extraction, and more.

Crafters, businesses, and community groups are invited to join the Harvest Festival as a vendor. For details, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/harvest-festival-2021](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/harvest-festival-2021) or call (856) 665-1000 x104.

## Special Ceremonies Commemorate Twentieth Anniversary Of 9/11 Terror Attacks

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street from the Township’s Municipal Building and the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the flags on Friday, Sept. 10 at 11:45 p.m. and remove them on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 11:45 p.m. Those wishing to participate on either day are asked to arrive by 11:40 p.m.

Pennsauken’s monument was first dedicated on September 11, 2003, as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and the dedicated direct responders — police, fire and EMS — who serve every day to protect residents and businesses in the

communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.

### Day Of Remembrance

As this year marks the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks, Pennsauken will be holding a special “Day of Remembrance” ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the town’s 9/11 Memorial. Held at 9:11 a.m., the ceremony will include remarks from first responders and public officials; a patriotic performance from Pennsauken High School’s Apache

Marching Band; the posting of the colors by the Air Force JROTC; and more. Camden County residents, in particular those from Pennsauken, who have been directly impacted by the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, are invited to attend. Those wishing additional details on this aspect of the ceremony can email [pnews@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:pnews@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

“We have an obligation to make sure that the next generation understands why we solemnly come together as a community this time each year,” said Mayor DiBattista. “We must make sure that we never, ever forget.”



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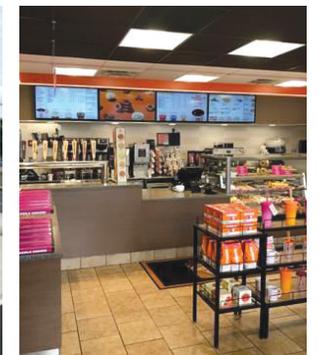
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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken's Anthony "A.J." Marinelli is the town's newest Eagle Scout. The lifelong resident and member of Boy Scout Troop 118 had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on Aug. 22 at the PYAA Fieldhouse.

Eagle Scout is Scouting's highest rank. First created in 1912, Eagle Scout "has represented a milestone of accomplishment—perhaps without equal—that is recognized across the country and even the world. Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements." Scouts must complete a variety of requirements before their 18th birthday, including being an active participant in Scouting; completing specific merit badges; taking

## Pennsauken's Marinelli Becomes Eagle Scout

on a leadership role in their Troop; as well as develop, organize, and lead a service project. A.J.'s service project was to upgrade the four wooden benches at the Veterans Memorial at Liberty Park in Pennsauken.

Jim Gibson, scout master for Troop 118 called the Court of Honor to order, followed by an invocation by Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, rector at Grace Episcopal Church. After a recitation of the Scout Oath and Law, Eagle Charge, and the Eagle Medal Ceremony, several individuals reflected on A.J.'s journey from K-Cub to Eagle Scout, including Michael Ciarrocca, Eagle Scout and former assistant scoutmaster, who helped provide invaluable guidance during A.J.'s Eagle Scout service project. He not



Pennsauken resident Anthony "A.J." Marinelli is the township's newest Eagle Scout.

only offered anecdotes about the new Eagle Scout, but also shared some special advice.

"When I was a Scout, my scoutmaster always said, 'A man never stood so tall as when he knelt down to help a boy.' Those words never left me," said Ciarrocca, as he encouraged A.J. to be a mentor to others.

Marinelli also received proclamations from American Legion Post #68, long-time supporters of Troop 118, as well as Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista.

"Our Township is comprised of so many great people," said Mayor DiBattista. "When we have a young man like A.J. go through this program and represent his family, represent his troop, but also represent this Township, is monumental and we applaud you."

A.J. Marinelli took an opportunity to reflect upon this special journey, thanking the family, friends, mentors, and fellow scouts, who made it all possible.

"The journey to becoming an Eagle Scout is a journey that greatly involves learning from others," said Marinelli. "Therefore, becoming an Eagle Scout wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the kindness and generosity of others."

Troop 118 is currently taking applications for new Scouts for young people between grades 6-12. Scouting offers many benefits, including developing character, promoting positive values, learning important life lessons, and more. To learn how your child can participate in Scouting, call Jim Gibson at (609) 876-9587 or email troop3118@gmail.com.

## Marie Ellis Turns 95



Last month, Pennsauken resident Marie Ellis turned 95 years young. Happy birthday!

## Trip To AC On December 8

Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, 4824 Camden Ave. in Pennsauken, is hosting a trip to Atlantic City to see "A Merry Country Christmas - Live from Nashville" at Caesar's Atlantic City on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

For just \$85 a person, attendees will receive \$25 slot play, plated lunch, tickets to the 3:30 p.m. performance of "Merry Country Christmas," and round-trip bus transportation. Pick up will be at 10:30 a.m. at 46th St. and Camden Ave. The bus will arrive back at the same location at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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## FOOD ADVENTURES The Go-To Hero: Picking Out The Perfect Frozen Pizza



A blind test among fantasy football fans ranked eight frozen pizzas available at your local supermarket.

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

If you do frozen pizzas at home, it can be a tough decision on which pie to buy. Some companies get you with their tantalizing commercials promising ooey, gooey cheese and crispy, golden crust. Others lure you in with humor. In the frozen food section, you're faced with 10 or 20 different pizzas to choose from. How do you pick the right one? Well, my loyal readers, I have completed an utterly grueling task of buying, cooking, and tasting EIGHT different frozen pizza brands to help guide you on your next visit to the frozen pizza aisle. NOTE: This research was in no way grueling and absolutely delightful.

Heading to ShopRite, I bought Celeste Pizza, Tony's Cheese Pizza, Caulipower Margherita, Freschetta Kitchen Fresh Thin Crust Premium Pepperoni, DiGiorno Hand-Tossed Pepperoni, Red Baron Brick Oven Crust Cheese Trio, Bowl & Basket Rising

Crust Pepperoni Pizza, and Tree Tavern Cheese Pizza. Luckily, I was taking part in a fantasy football draft on the Sunday I had purchased the pizzas and decided to use all the people involved as my trial subject. They did not object. After cooking and slicing each pie, I designated them each a number and hid the names. This was a blind tasting, and I didn't want anyone to be swayed by a personal favorite. Twelve people tried the pizzas and rated them from best to worst. The results are as follows...

Coming in last place and with a \$99 price tag per pizza was Celeste Pizza for One. This is a hit amongst young children, but for the adults, it was a huge let down. Most of the tasters know which pizza this was simply by its signature look and tiny size. The taste and texture are all around underwhelming to say the least. In seventh place at \$7.00 was the Freschetta Premium Pepperoni. Obviously, price isn't everything on this one. The crust was

unimpressive, and the toppings weren't very plentiful. Sixth place goes to the \$4.00 Tony's Cheese Pizza. This wasn't necessarily a bad pizza, but it definitely wasn't the best. Fifth place went to the DiGiorno Hand-Tossed Pepperoni Pizza. At \$7.00, it just hit the mark. It wasn't very saucy and was a bit too puffy and chewy, even though I cooked it an extra 2 minutes at the request of the group. In fourth place and to my pleasant surprise was the Caulipower Margherita Pizza. This one is a favorite of mine and is just \$5.00. The topping is well proportioned, and the tomato flavor is almost fresh tasting even for something frozen. Third place goes to Bowl & Basket Rising Crust Pepperoni. This pizza cost me \$4.50 and seemed like a steal for the decent flavor and textures. Second place was the Red Baron Brick Oven Crust Cheese Trio. The cheese on this pizza was great. The flavors were spot on and the price of only \$4.00 just at the package. This is definitely a go-to pie and it's available almost everywhere.

Number one gets its own paragraph for a few reasons. I had never heard of Tree Tavern Pizza. This company has been around for over 65 years, and I am only just discovering it. When I was cooking it, the smell was reminiscent of my days in grade school, when we got those rectangle pizzas served on Styrofoam trays. The taste, however, was that of a really good, homemade, no frills, pizza pie. It's the perfect pizza for a pizza purist who enjoys good old fashion sauce

and cheese on a darn good crust. What's more amazing is that Tree Tavern is named after a restaurant and tavern of the same name based right in Paterson, N.J.! Tree Tavern is owned by the Francia family, and their frozen pizzas hit the shelves of supermarkets in 1955. They were the first frozen pizzas ever sold! Their pizza is also preservative free. This essentially means that you can read every single ingredient on the package,

all of which are the basics for the perfect cheese pizza pie. It gets even better my fellow foodies: this pizza is only \$6.00.

I urge all my Food Adventures fans to give all of these pizzas a try for yourself. If you discover a new frozen pie I need to try, let me know on my Facebook page, "AAP Food Adventures." My hope is that you discover a gem like Tree Tavern, and of course always enjoy your Food Adventures.

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## FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Friends Of The Library Holding Fall 50/50 Raffle

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Thanks to everyone who visited our drive-through lemonade stands over the summer for our Lemonade 4 Change fundraiser, helping us nearly reach our goal of \$4,500. To ensure that we go over the top, the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle this fall. Tickets go on sale at the Library on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and will be \$2 each or three for \$5. The winning ticket drawing happens on Friday, Oct. 15, which would have been the opening day of our annual Book and Tech Sale but because of COVID

safety concerns, this won't be taking place again this year. Fingers crossed for 2022!

Good news, though. Our popular wellness programs will be starting up again mid-month, continuing at first virtually on Friday mornings, then in person as soon as the Library is able to open the Community Room to the public. You can contact the Library at (856) 665-5959, ext. 7 after Sept. 13 for additional information on how to sign up or check out our Facebook page for the registration link.

Finally, a reminder that the Pennsauken Free Public Library's Museum Pass program is fully sponsored by the

Friends. Most of the previous museum passes have been renewed this summer and are available for members to check out at the library. Sadly, two of the most popular passes – Discovery Museum and PAWS – did not renew because the museums closed at the beginning of the pandemic and will not be reopening. On a good note, though, we were able to improve the purchase of one new museum

pass at the National Liberty Museum on Chestnut St. in Philadelphia; and there are still a few more we're waiting to hear back from (e.g., the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts) to see if they will be renewing their pass program. You can contact the Library at (856) 665-5959, ext. 3 to check on the availability of any passes you're interested in.

Don't forget to consider joining the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public to lend your ideas and support to our organization. We're looking forward to eventually resuming all our favorite activities and fund raisers and know you are as well. In the meantime, thanks again for all the support you've shown us always, but especially during the pandemic. And good luck with your 50/50 ticket!

## Woman's Club Used Item Drive Held September 21

Time for some fall cleaning! To raise funds for their various charities, the Woman's Club of Merchantville is having a used item drive on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The Woman's Club will be collecting clothing and shoes, accessories (pocket-books, purses, school bags, wallets, ties, scarves, and hats), household linens,

stuffed animals, dolls, hard toys (smaller than 24"x24"x24") and housewares (kitchen office, garage, decorative, and holiday items 24" or smaller). Drop off is between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at in the Penn Queen Diner parking lot, Rt 130 and Westfield Ave. Anyone donating will get a discount coupon from the Penn

Queen to buy one dinner and get a second dinner half off. Items should be in tied plastic bags or sealed cardboard boxes.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville is a social, volunteer organization supporting local, state, and international organizations. During the pandemic they collected items for Mother's Matters; donated sweatshirts to Operation Chillout; collected children's books; and made and filled "smile bags" for Operation Smile. Monetary donations totaling \$4,100 were given to charities. Unable to meet indoors, meetings were held in a local park during warm weather. Their welcome back luncheon will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club in September; and game/card parties and meetings on the third Wednesday at noon will return this fall.

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By Judith Kristen,  
AAP Columnist

I can hardly believe I'm writing this but, it's September already. Say what!?!?

See, I toldja I couldn't believe it, and yet... here it is.

Labor Day is gone; schools – both private and public – have already started classes; and Christmas ornaments have

been on sale at the Hallmark store for the last six weeks!

So, now what do you have planned? Maybe a day trip to the shore after all the crowds have disappeared? A walk over to Aunt Charlotte's on a cool September day so the chocolate isn't melting in your hands as they would have in July? Or, are you just going to do your best to do your best, at work, or at home,

and help this year wind down to a gentle and loving end?

After these last two years, I'd say you and 2021 surely deserve that much!

Take some time to watch the leaves change from one beautiful color to the next beautiful color.

Wake up in time to greet the morning light, take in a cool deep breath, and welcome the dawn, and then believe that

the time taken will make it a better day for you and those you love.

There are 116 days from Labor Day until New Year's Eve is upon us. That's a whole lotta time to make the time to turn the end of your year into a very happy and memorable one.

Certainly, all things can't turn out as planned, but with the right mindset, a whole lot of goodness will surely find its

way to you.

"And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awakened."

- Raquel Franco

Sounds like a beautiful new beginning, doesn't it?

And I do believe it will be.

Peace and love and September,  
Your friend, ~ Judy

## Township Holds Annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest



This October, Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee will be holding a contest to identify the best Halloween decorations in town.

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the fourth annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those home that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween spirit Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using the form located at [twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest). Registration runs through Monday, Oct. 18.

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cations, work hours, and compensation information can be found on the Library's website at [www.pennsaukenlibrary.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.pennsaukenlibrary.org/employment-opportunities).

To apply, email your resume and letter of interest in PDF format to Martha Vega at [mvega@pennsaukenlibrary.org](mailto:mvega@pennsaukenlibrary.org). Please add "Library Assistant" to the subject line.

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The Library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

## September Library Events

Please note, at all library events held in person, all patrons ages 2 and over will be expected to follow all current COVID-19 policies, including mask wearing at all times and social distancing when applicable.

- Animal Crossing "Isle of PL" Open Play Hours - Monday, Sept. 20; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The "Isle of PL" welcomes Animal Crossing New Horizons players of all ages! To visit, add the PFPL's Nintendo Friend Code, SW-3902-1262-4235; then once playing, visit your airport, and select "visit through online play" to find us. Note: A Nintendo Online subscription is required for online play. For questions, contact [youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org) or (856) 665-5959 ext. 6.
- Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for virtual, interactive story time fun, live via Zoom! Online registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplstory21>. For children ages 3+ and their caregivers.
- Baby Time Online - Wednesday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Susan for this

short, baby-focused program featuring rhymes, songs, ASL baby signs, and more! This will also be a chance for caregivers to connect with one another. For our littlest patrons ages 2 and under and their caregivers. Registration is required; for details, visit [pennsaukenlibrary.org](http://pennsaukenlibrary.org) and select "Events & Classes."

- Yoga Storytime - Thursday, Sept. 16; 11:00 a.m. Incorporating basic yoga poses and stretches with stories and songs, explore stories through movement with Ms. Sabrina! Work on developing balance, spatial awareness, flexibility, and mindfulness. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat or towel. For ages 2-5. Advance registration is required for this in-person program, and space is limited. Contact Youth Services at (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or [youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@pennsaukenlibrary.org).
- Take and Make Tuesdays - Tuesdays, Sept. 13 & 27; During regular hours. Stop by our Youth Services Department for free crafts that you can take with you and make at home! Available

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- DIY Crafts: Mosaics - Saturdays, Sept. 18 & 25; 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. For older teens and adults. Join Eleanor Gribok for a hands-on mosaic workshop in the Library's community room! Participants will create either a frame or a small tray. Your project will be completed over the course of two Saturdays. Program registration is limited to 10 people. For details, visit [pennsaukenlibrary.org](http://pennsaukenlibrary.org) and select "Events & Classes."
- Hispanic Music Fest - Saturday, Sept. 25; 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join the Library as we celebrate our community's Hispanic heritage and culture outdoors through music, poetry, dance, and more. We will also provide social service information tables and Melanie Rodriguez, Miss New Jersey American Teenager, will be present to assist at the Friends of the Library Lemonade 4 Change fundraiser.

Bring your own chairs and don't forget to wear your masks!

- Cuentos Bilingües/A Bilingual Storytime - Monday, Sept. 27; 6:00 p.m. Join Ms. Heather, Ms. Maira, Ms. Susan, and special guest, Melanie Rodriguez, Miss New Jersey American Teenager, for a special in-person, outdoor, bilingual story time.
- Un día de película/Movie Day - Wednesday, Sept. 29; 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a free showing of a Tony Award-winning musical's recent movie adaptation that follows a Hispanic community in Upper Manhattan's Washington Heights neighborhood. Seating is limited to 15 people at each showtime, and registration is required. Call the library at (856) 665-5959 ext. 3 for more details and to register for your time slot of choice.
- FREE Legal Information Sessions -

Saturday, Oct. 2; 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For adults. Guest speakers will address legal issues of interest to our community. Seating is limited to 15 people per session and registration is required. For more details, please check the events tab on our website or call the reference desk at (856) 665-5959 ext. 4.

- FREE COVID Vaccine Pop-Up - Saturday, Oct. 2; 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Camden County Department of Health & Human Services will be providing FREE vaccines in the library parking lot; Pfizer (12 & over) and J&J (adults only). Kids 12 and over will require parental consent. Pre-registration is not required but will be available along with consent forms at the Hispanic Heritage and Culture Festival Music Fest on Saturday, Sept. 25, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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## inSports Unified Track And Field Team Finalist For Nationals



Pennsauken High School's Unified Track and Field team is a finalist to represent New Jersey at the National Championships in Orlando.

By Billy Snyder, PHS Athletic Director

The Pennsauken High School State Championship Unified Track and Field team competed on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at Lawrence High School. The Pennsauken Team had nine student-athletes compete in the 100m, 400m, long jump, shot put and 4x400m relay. This was a special meet, as Pennsauken was chosen as a finalist to represent the State of New Jersey at the National Track and Field Championships in Orlando, Fla. in June

of 2022. The final results of the meet will be published later this month, at which time Pennsauken finds out if they qualified for Nationals.

The Pennsauken High School Athletic Department is excited about a full fall season. Campus has been buzzing with 200 student-athletes training and preparing for the nine fall sports that Pennsauken High School has to offer. Check [pennsauken.net](http://pennsauken.net) for home dates and contests.

## Travis Manion Foundation 9/11 Heroes Run Held October 2

The Travis Manion Foundation's 9/11 Heroes Run will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken.

The event consists of a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run/walk. The start time is 9:11 a.m. An awards ceremony follows the run and consists of over \$1,000 in cash prizes. A great family event, the 9/11 Heroes Run includes free food, music, and kids activities.

Founded in 2008, the Travis Manion

Foundation empowers veterans and the families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations through a variety of programs, including the 9/11 Heroes Run, an international event designed to remember the sacrifices of the heroes of September 11. Proceeds from this run will benefit the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund.

Sign up for both individuals and teams is available online at [911heroes-run.org/Pennsauken](http://911heroes-run.org/Pennsauken).

## PYAA SPORTS

### PYAA Looking For Volunteers

Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities (PYAA) is accepting volunteers for the 2021 season. Meetings will be held every first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for Pennsauken residents at the PYAA Fieldhouse, 3501 Elm Ave. Come support the youth of Pennsauken, develop lasting relationships, and have fun!

Interested parties who have questions can email [admin@pyaa.net](mailto:admin@pyaa.net). For more information about the organization and its programs, visit [PYAA.net](http://PYAA.net).

### Pennsauken Youth Soccer Club Looks For Sponsors

Pennsauken Youth Soccer Club is looking for a generous sponsor to help underwrite the cost of renting light trailers for the Auxiliary Soccer field at the Soccer Complex.

The lights are necessary to be able to hold practices and games on this field at night this fall. The club has grown to the point that the utilization of this field during the evening is absolutely needed.

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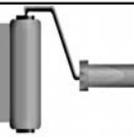
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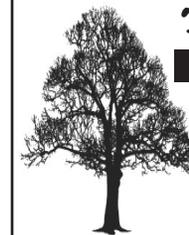
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